



Proclamation Presented

In Recognition of Hawai'i Pollinator Week June 17-23, 2013

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week was first designated by the U.S. Senate and U.S. Department of Agriculture in June of 2007 and has been promoted annually by the Pollinator Partnership to address the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week has been an international celebration of the vital role of bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles in maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems and productive farms in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week encourages citizens to become mindful of the habitats and public lands, such as forests and grasslands, and the conservation assistance provided by the State of Hawai'i to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators; and

WHEREAS, Pollinator Week is sponsored locally by the State of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Pollinator Week and in recognition of the role of honeybees and other pollinators as essential to many agricultural and horticultural operations, Act 131 (Senate Bill 482) will support the continued viability of honeybee operations in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2013, as

"HAWAI'I POLLINATOR WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to pay tribute to the role pollinators play in our efforts for long-term agricultural sustainability and the protection our native habitats.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventeenth day of June, 2013.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i